

UNION COUNTY FISCAL COURT

March 27, 2007

The Union County Fiscal Court met in regular session with the Honorable Jody L. Jenkins presiding. Magistrates present were: RODGERS, FLOYD, WELLS, VOSS and CLEMENTS.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by Ms. Janet Gill and with the pledge to the American Flag.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Judge Jenkins read a Proclamation proclaiming April 2007 Henderson Community College Month in Union County. Present from the college were Mr. Larry Tutt and students of HCC.

Judge Jenkins presented to Ms. Janet Gill, Principal of the St. Ann's School a check in the amount of \$10,000.00. EMA Director, Vernon Martin, Sheriff Mike Thompson and Morganfield Chief of Police Tom Carmon had applied for a Homeland Security Grant in behalf of the school for the purpose of purchasing magnetic locking system and cameras at the four exit doors.

Mr. Wade Clements and Mr. Steve Likens, with the District Two Department of Transportation gave the state recommendation for the 2006-07 Rural Secondary Road Program. A motion to accept the state recommendation was made by Magistrate Wells, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Ms. Pauline Allen, Tri Co Solid Waste Coordinator requested the court support in applying for a Recycling Grant. She presented Union County's application totaling \$48,700.00 with the county's in-kind match of \$12,175.00. A motion to apply and match the county percent was made by Magistrate Clements, seconded by Magistrate Wells, motion carried.

Magistrate Floyd made a motion to set May 5, 2007 as Uniontown Cleanup Day, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge Jenkins gave the seconded reading of a Budget Ordinance amending the 2006-07 budgets by \$12,400.00 in the LGEA Fund. A motion to adopt this Ordinance was made by Magistrate Wells, seconded by Magistrate Voss, motion carried.

Magistrate Wells made a motion to allow the claims against the General, Road, LGEA and Jail Funds, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Magistrate Wells made a motion to allow the transfers, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Magistrate Joe Clements read a prepared statement giving the Ambulance Committee report. Stating all the reason for the recommendation, the committee recommended awarding a one year contract to the Union County Ambulance Service to Methodist Hospital Union County. A motion to award this contract to the Methodist Hospital Union County and to give Judge Jenkins the authority to execute all contract made and reviewed by the committee and County Attorney, Brucie Moore was made by Magistrate Rodgers, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Judge Jenkins presented to the court the 2007-08 Jail Budget. A motion to accept the budget was made by Magistrate Wells, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

Judge Jenkins made a motion to abolish the motion to build a new jail, seconded by Magistrate Rodgers. Judge Jenkins stated that he had spoken to First Kentucky Securities, the bonding company and many others since being elected as County

Judge/Executive and he felt that the county is not in financial condition to borrow the kind of money to build the size jail JKS Architect had submitted. Motion carried.

Magistrate Rodger ask about road sign to slow down traffic. He will get with the County Attorney to see what procedures need to be followed.

Magistrate Wells ask Brucie Moore, County Attorney, about the prescription contract with KACO and she stated she had plans to meet with some pharmacist for their understanding of this program.

Magistrate Clements spoke on his concern for the special election the county could be facing and the extra cost to the county.

Judge Jenkins made his stand concerning the jail situation. He told the court that he had talked to Crittenden and Henderson Counties at the cost of housing Union County prisoners and both jails are willing to enter into a contact for housing and transportation. He stated that according to recent statement that the present jail is unsafe for the staff, and if we are spending good money after bad then it is time to look at closing the jail. He felt that to close the jail the county would be saving \$100,000.00 per year and be in a position to control cost. He also told the court that the work release program would continue even if the jail closed.

Judge Jenkins requested that the court go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Magistrate Floyd, seconded by Magistrate Clements, motion carried.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Magistrate Clements, seconded by Magistrate Rodgers, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the court, a motion to adjourn was made by Magistrate Voss, seconded by Magistrate Floyd, motion carried.

Fiscal Court Clerk

JODY L. JENKINS
County Judge/Executive